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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE

REF: BRASILIA 7392

1. BRAZILIAN PERM REP FRAZAO CALLED ON AMB. SCHAUFLELE THIS MORNING TO PROVIDE BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD EVENTUAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF. FRAZAO STRESSED THAT HIS APPROACH PERSONAL, NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FRAZAO SAID US WILL HAVE NOTED THAT BRAZIL HAS NOT OFFERED CONTINGENT FOR UNEF. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS DELIBERATE IN ORDER NOT TO BE REBUFFED. HOWEVER IF HE APPROACHED BY SYG ABOUT POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN CONTRIBUTION, HE WOULD EXPECT HAVE REPLY, PROBABLY FAVORABLE, WITHIN 12 HOURS.

3. FRAZAO SPOKE DISPARAGINGLY ABOUT ARGENTINA, REMARKING THAT USYG GUYER, AN ARGENTINE, WAS TRYING TO GET ARGENTINA CONTINGENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT ARGENTINA VOTES INCREASINGLY WITH THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC AND MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL FOR THAT REASON. HE THOUGHT BRAZIL
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WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES - WHICH PERHAPS

REFLECTS "COHERENT POLICY OF EQUIDISTANCE" AS REPORTED
REFTEL.

4. FRAZAO NOTED PREVIOUS BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE IN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN BOTH UNEF I AND ONUC AND STRESSED THAT IF NEW UNEF FORCE IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS PREVIOUS ONE BRAZIL MUST NOT BE EXCLUDED. HE EXPANDED ON THIS SOMEWHAT LATER TO IMPLY THAT INCLUSION OF INDIA WOULD REQUIRE INCLUSION OF BRAZIL. ALSO UNDERSCORED FACT BRAZILIAN HAD COMMANDED UNEF I.

5. SINCE BRAZIL HAD PROVIDED GROUND TROOPS TO UNEF I AND AIR FORCE UNIT TO ONUC, SCHAUFLELE ASKED WHAT KIND OF UNITS BRAZIL MIGHT HAVE IN MIND ON THIS OCCASION. FRAZAO RESPONDED THAT EITHER OF THESE PLUS MARINES MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER HE STRESSED THAT BRAZILIAN ARMY WOULD WANT TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ANY BRAZILIAN CONTRIBUTION.

6. SINCE FRAZAO DOES NOT TRUST GUYER AND DOES NOT WISH TO APPROACH SYG, AGAIN IN FEAR OF BEING REBUFFED, HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD SUGGEST INFORMALLY TO ASYG URQUHART THAT BRAZIL WOULD PROBABLY BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED IF THEIR ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.
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